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SUBJECT: CRAWFORD ARREST CASE

REF: (A) MOSCOW 20190, (B) MOSCOW 18625

1. CONSOFF, IH EXECUTIVE JOHN CHELLMAN AND ASSISTANT  
GENERAL COUNSEL ROBERT BOOTH ACCOMPANIED CRAWFORD TO  
LEFORTOVO ON AUGUST 27 TO REVIEW EVIDENCE AND TO MEET  
SOVIET DEFENSE ATTORNEY, LEONID M. POPOV. NEITHER  
BOOTH NOR CHELLMAN WAS ALLOWED TO REVIEW EVIDENCE  
DURING THIS SESSION.

2. ACCORDING TO CRAWFORD, THE KGB HAVE COLLECTED  
FOUR VOLUMES OF EVIDENCE ON HIS CASE. WHAT IN REALITY  
APPEARS TO EXIST IS A VERY STRONG CASE AGAINST THREE  
SOVIET AND SEVERAL FOREIGN CITIZENS (INCLUDING TWO  
ETHIOPIAN EMBOFFS) CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING AND ILLEGALLY  
CHANGING MONEY. THE EVIDENCE LINKS SEVERAL FOREIGN  
CITIZENS WITH A GROUP OF RUSSIAN CRIMINALS. THE KGB  
APPEARS TO BE TRYING TO LINK CRAWFORD WITH THIS RING.  
ACCORDING TO CRAWFORD, THERE IS NOT A SHRED OF EVIDENCE  
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CONNECTING HIM WITH ANY OF THE OTHER FOREIGNERS NAMED.  
IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT KISELOV, WITH WHOM CRAWFORD  
HAS REPORTED HAVING HAD AN INNOCENT CONNECTION, BUT WHO  
IS ALSO ONE OF THE SOVIET CITIZENS NAMED AS MEMBERS OF  
THE RING, IS CHARGED WITH ARTICLE 88, SECTION 2, WHICH  
CARRIES A POSSIBLE CAPITAL SENTENCE, AND SERVES AS  
STRONG LEVERAGE FOR HIM TO "COOPERATE" WITH KGB

VERSION OF CHARGE AGAINST CRAWFORD.

3. ON AUGUST 28, CRAWFORD AND HIS LAWYER AGAIN REVIEWED EVIDENCE, WHILE BOOTH, CHELLMAN AND PETER MAGGS, A PROFESSOR OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, MET FIRST WITH COLONEL VOLODIN AND MAJOR BELYAYEV OF THE KGB, AND THEN WITH POPOV. DURING MEETING WITH KGB OFFICERS, THEY WERE PERMITTED TO REVIEW SOME OF THE EVIDENCE. MAGGS, WHO IS AN EXPERT IN SOVIET LAW AND FLUENT IN RUSSIAN, SAID THAT WHAT HE HAS SEEN OF THE EVIDENCE THUS FAR APPEARS TO SUPPORT CRAWFORD'S CONTENTIONS THAT THE SOVIETS DO NOT HAVE A CREDIBLE CASE AGAINST HIM. DURING THE MEETING WITH POPOV, THE SOVIET ATTORNEY TOLD THE IH LAWYERS THAT HE WAS "LIMITED WITH WHAT HE COULD DO WITH THE EVIDENCE" SINCE THE CASE WAS PRIMARILY POLITICAL. HE ALSO STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE CASE WOULD BE THE "BARGAINING."

4. COPIES OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CHAIRMAN BROOKS MCCORMICK'S TELEGRAMS TO KGB CHAIRMAN ANDROPOV AND PROCURATOR RUDENKO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THEIR OFFICES. TOON

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